

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## DISCREDITED AND SHAMED.

Exclusion for Representative D. M. Kupihea would probably be little additional punishment for the house member convicted by those of his own colleagues of giving false testimony and of being an unfit parent.

Yet if it is true that the house has no method of ridding itself of a member thus declared thoroughly undesirable, the situation is a deplorable one. The house rules do not contemplate the investigation of a member's moral character after he has taken his seat, but in the Kupihea case the situation is essentially different. Kupihea demanded of the house that it investigate the charges against him made by Circuit Judge Ashford. Judge Ashford's charges had nothing to do with Kupihea's official status as a member of the territorial legislature. It was Kupihea himself who brought that official status into the situation by pressing a resolution calling for a special committee to probe the charges.

Thus Kupihea himself made the question one for the house to handle. The majority report of the house committee is a scathing indictment of this neglectful parent—this promoter of vile debauches.

There are plenty of good men and honorable men and true men in the house. We leave it to their conscience and their interpretation of existing rules and laws to say what the house can do and shall do with Kupihea.

In the eyes of the public he is discredited and shamed. The investigation he demanded has resulted in a majority finding against him. Still, it is expecting too much that he should recognize the propriety of an immediate resignation.

## CHINA'S UNITY DISPLAYED.

Most observers of Far Eastern affairs have been struck with the national unity suddenly displayed by the great unwieldy republic of China. The storm of resentment that overclouded the Oriental sky at the first hint of the Japanese demands; the fierce criticisms leveled against President Yuan Shih-Kai for his apparent—though reluctant—acquiescence in some of the demands; the pulse of popular indignation that throbs through this country of teeming millions, shows that China is no longer inarticulate.

It is impossible to repress the demonstrations against Japan. There is no such thing as a free press in the vernacular in China, but even the rigid press laws cannot gag the indignant journalists. Furthermore, we read in the Japan Advertiser, which certainly is in no position to exaggerate, that riots have taken place in several Chinese cities where there is a considerable Japanese population; shops have been battered and Japanese on the streets attacked and beaten; and the institution of boycott is being used with effects disastrous to Japanese trade.

This increasing solidarity in China, crude though it must seem to nations whose component parts have knit together from mutual struggle and compromise, and whose patriotism has developed singleness of course, ultimately means a country of tremendous internal strength if at the outset it is not crippled by external domination.

China has already made a success of the new plans for internal loans. Yuan Shih-Kai is thought of by the Occident as primarily a military leader but the testimony of those who have lived in China under his rule is that he is also a civil leader with breadth of vision and a firm belief in modern education. The followers of Dr. Sun Yat Sen perhaps with sincerity advance the claim that Yuan is playing the craven in the negotiations with Japan, but undoubtedly he knows that if he should resist, the last state of China would be far worse than the first.

The North China Daily News recently said: "We see the capital and the country ruled by an admixture composed of conservative and progressive elements, precisely the kind of combination likely to commend itself to the awakened mind of a great people like the Chinese. The past is not forgotten, and the present is busily engaged in laying upon it the foundations of the future. The fear expressed by radicals that China is falling back into the slough of the past is hardly worth a thought. It is impossible for China to go back."

This is the country over which Japan is attempting to establish an industrial rule which means anything but the "open door" for the world's trade.

## THE "RED-LIGHT" BILL.

The senate should reconsider the "red-light" abatement bill and give it at least more thought before assenting to the statement that the law has always proved ineffective elsewhere.

The statement was made on the floor of the senate yesterday by a member who evidently is unfamiliar with the workings of the law in all cities and states where it has been tried.

There is plenty of documentary evidence, including statements from leading public officials, that the law has worked and worked well in Iowa, where it was first put into full operation. And there is local evidence that the law is working in California, because since it went into effect undesirable women have made haste to get out and a number have come to Honolulu!

It is to combat the dangerous evil of commercial vice increasing at a staggering rate in Honolulu that this law is needed. Those who have given it the most study are in favor of it.

## MUZZLING THE WAR DOG.

A nationwide movement, having for its object the permanent establishment of world peace and the prevention of future wars, and to be designated as a League of Nations, has been set on foot by the Niagara Peace Society, a section of the New York Peace Society, of which Andrew Carnegie is president. Among the twenty or more articles of agreement appear the following:

"That the nations should disarm to the point where the combined forces of the League shall be one hundred per cent higher than those of the most heavily armed nations outside of the League.

"That any nation outside the League should have permission at all times to join the League by signing the articles of agreement, and by depositing with The Hague treasury the stipulated guaranty fund amounting to one-third of its average annual appropriation for armament in the three years immediately preceding the year of its application for membership."

## RESEMBLANCES.

"He never seemed to doubt the wisdom of an action when once he had decided on it." This might have been written about President Wilson, but as a matter of fact it is a comment by Col. William H. Crook, one of the White House associates of Abraham Lincoln, upon the Great Emancipator. Wilson has the Lincolnian characteristic of steadfast purpose in any course he approves.

Hawaii is not the only commonwealth just now proposing the establishment of a court of domestic relations. Colorado is considering the creating of such a court, to care for juvenile delinquency as well as divorce cases. The principle underlying all the movements is the same—to get at domestic unhappiness and waywardness before the human elements have become irreconcilable or hardened in wrongdoing. The value of such a court to any community depends almost entirely upon the type of man who is named as judge. He must have sincerity, moral character and aptitude or his court will be a miserable farce. In the hands of the right kind of jurist, it will be a brilliant success.

The first six months of the war, reckoned in dollars, cost eight and a half billions. The cost in human suffering is inestimable. Can it continue for six months longer?

Reports from Manila are that Governor-general Harrison and his family are soon to return to the states but there is no intimation that the change is permanent.

No signs are visible that the Advertiser is disappointed because its predictions of a whitewashing for Representative Kupihea failed to materialize.

For once the French and German bulletins yesterday agreed—that the fighting along the Meuse-Moselle line was very severe.

It seems only a little while ago that the world was very much excited about the militant suffragettes. Now—

Aviation bombardment seems to be particularly effective among the women and children.

If the Germans invade Holland, will they get "in Dutch"?

## LETTERS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

### A COINCIDENCE IN NAMES—AND ITS RESULT.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,  
Sir: Because my name is among those of the passengers departing to Japan, I have received several messages of benediction, pleasant to the eye, and you going, have you finished my papers, etc.; but this is all a mistake. I am not going to Japan.

The error has occurred following a very interesting and pleasing coincidence. The name of my eldest son is Stanley. A day or so ago I received a letter from H. Stanley Smith, former captain of the Shinyo Maru, introducing his brother. The letter was presented to me by the brother in person, a delightful person, who is manager of Isidore & Co. of Kona, and whose name is Mat Smith. It is he who is departing on the Shinyo Maru today and it is he to whom all wishes of bon voyage and pleasant trip are due. When he was booked, the agents apparently put him down as Matt Smith.

E. A. MOTTSMITH.

## Personal Mention

MR. AND MRS. H. A. BALDWIN are returning to Maui tonight in the steamer Claudine.

GEORGE N. WILCOX is booked to leave for the coast in the Oceanic steamer Sierra tomorrow.

MRS. T. J. ANTHONY and daughter will depart for the mainland in the Matson steamer Lurline.

A. HOCKING has planned a business and pleasure trip to the coast. He expects to leave Honolulu in the Oceanic liner Sierra.

JAMES A. RATH, head of the Palama Settlement, left for Maui last night on a business trip. He will return to Honolulu Sunday morning.

H. B. PENHALLOW will go to Maui in the Claudine this evening on a business trip. He will resume his duties in the territorial legislature early next week.

G. L. RAMSON, vice-president of the Hawaiian Gazette Company, was presented with a handsome gold watch by the employees of the firm yesterday in appreciation of his 20 years' service with the company.

MRS. S. S. KINNEY, for the past 17 years instructor in French and German in the public schools of the territory, has tendered her resignation to Superintendent Kinney. She will continue to make her home in Honolulu.

MISS BERTHA BEN TAYLOR, supervising principal of schools of Kona and Kohala, has been spending the master vacation visiting friends in Honolulu. She has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Charles B. Cooper. Miss Taylor will return to Hawaii tomorrow.

## SUPER AND KILLAM GOING TO MAINLAND

Following the custom of granting two months' vacation every three years to the Y. M. C. A. secretaries, the local association has arranged for the vacations of Paul Super and Lloyd R. Killam, general and religious secretaries respectively.

The two association workers will leave early in May for the mainland to attend the conference of secretaries at Asilomar, near San Francisco, May 19 to 24. They will also be present at the exposition for Y. M. C. A. Day, May 25, after which Mr. Super will return to Honolulu. Secretary Killam will continue his journey to the summer camp of the Y. M. C. A. at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Killam will teach at the summer session and prepare to assume his full duties as secretary of the Oriental associations in Honolulu upon his return in August. He will also attend the commencement at his college, William Jewell, Missouri, and later visit association buildings in the east. He will be joined by Mrs. Killam, who left Honolulu for her home in Missouri early in March.

## JAPANESE PAPER CRITICISES ANTI-ALIEN MEASURE

Nippu Jiji Says Attempt to Shut Non-Citizens Off Federal Work Is Wrong

Strong criticism of the resolution in the lower house looking toward the employment of only citizen labor on federal work in the territory is voiced by the Nippu Jiji yesterday. The Jiji says:

"As to the subject of the resolution in the legislature of a resolution calling for a memorial to Congress to provide for the employment of a citizen labor on all federal contracts for public improvements in the Territory of Hawaii, we can't help but express our most profound regret.

"Hawaii has for a long time been an anti-alien labor law, which prohibits the non-citizen labor from participating in all territorial, municipal and county work in this territory. Many thoughtful critics have already seen the error of the way, especially when the desirability of making these is lands an ideal place where no racial prejudice should flourish, is taken into consideration.

"While we sincerely long for the repeal of this partial law, sooner or later, some of our ill-advised friends who seem to care so little for harmony of various races residing in this peaceful Hawaii, are striving hard in an effort to extend the scope of the anti-alien labor law, so as to make it applicable to all federal work in the territory. When the attention of the public was first called to the fact that a Japanese contractor easily landed the job, being the lowest bidder, of enlarging the hospital buildings at Fort Shafter several months ago, the Chamber of Commerce of this city launched a movement to ask Washington to provide for the employment of only citizen labor on the federal improvement work in Hawaii. The Washington authorities, however, did not listen to the appeal from Hawaii and today the non-citizen contractors and laborers are still enjoying their privilege in participating in any of the federal works as freely as ever. The presentation in the legislature of the resolution by Representative Lyman can be termed trying to 'dig a piece of red-hot charcoal out of the dead ashes.' We deeply deplore, for the sake of Hawaii's honor, that such partial as well as unreasonable anti-alien law is being sought by the Hawaiian lawmakers.

"The state of New York once had a similar law, requiring that all laborers on state or municipal work must be citizens. But the first attempt to enforce the law exposed the folly of it and the state legislature has already repealed the law. These who voiced a complaint at the repeal of this unfair clause in the New York labor law were the labor unions, which represented only a tenth of all the workers in the state. The rest of the working class was happy at the wise action of the legislators. Isn't this precedent of the New York legislature a lesson to the Hawaiian legislature? "We believe firmly that the enactment of Lyman's resolution will tend to suppress competition among many contractors, thus bringing a sad result which will bar the steady progress of Hawaii's industries. We urge our wise legislators not only to kill the Lyman resolution, but to work for the repeal of the existing labor law so to give us, the non-citizen laborers, an equal chance to take a hand in all of the public works, regardless whether federal, territorial, municipal or county, of the land in which we are enjoying our life."

## PUNAHOU NOTES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
PUNAHOU, April 9. The committee of Punahou mothers has elected Mrs. D. L. Withington chairman, and Mrs. A. M. Nowell secretary of the committee. The committee is issuing a call for a meeting of all the Punahou mothers next Monday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock in Charles R. Bishop hall, when they will bring forward for discussion some questions on which the committee has already held several conferences, but on which they wish the opinions of the mothers before final action is taken.

Since the questions which have come up are important and of general interest to all the mothers, the committee is hoping for a large attendance.

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them if they wished. This morning or showing these strange spots to all Douglas Bond told about these spots, the students who cared to see them. There are three of them, and they through the six-inch telescope.

Mr. McNeil, however, has estimated the real size of these spots underwriting syndicate to offer \$10, as being about 30,000 miles. This 900,000 Erie Railroad 5 per cent one afternoon Mr. Midkiff was in the tow-year notes.

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